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By Executive Order, the President has designated Monday, December 24, 2001, a Federal holiday. Reports that would normally be released on this Monday will be released on Wednesday, December 26, 2001.

NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Demand and trading inactive. Supplies of frozen whole birds adequate to ample. Bulk parts and meat trading slow on most items due to the upcoming holidays. Reduced work schedules due to the upcoming holidays will slow availability of product. Offerings adequate to ample for current requirements.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a moderate volume of necks, balance of items was light. Demand mixed, light to moderate. Most interest noted from Mexico and Russia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 20, 2001**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	58	58.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 21, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.00	68.00	69.50
CENTRAL REGION	66.00	69.00	65.70**
WESTERN REGION	69.00	72.05	67.70**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.00	58.00	64.10**
CENTRAL REGION	58.00**	60.00	63.00**
WESTERN REGION	62.00	62.22	64.10**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-77

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 24-DEC-2001

		<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	73.00	20	63.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	73.00	20	63.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

NOVEMBER	448,647*
DECEMBER 1-15, 2001	213,176*
Dec 1-8 should have read 107,374	
To date 2001	5,040,577*
To date 2000	5,162,462*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-Dec-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	866	-4	22.72	(A)	868 22.72
SATL	945	0	28.24	(A)	947 28.24
N CENT	2,192	-5	30.56	(A)	2,195 30.56
S CENT	442	12	22.67	(A)	444 22.67
WEST	353	-9	24.34	(A)	355 24.34
U.S.TOTAL	4,798(B)	-3	27.50	11	4,809 27.50
TO DATE					
2001	241,844(B)		570		242,414
TO DATE					
2000	246,840(B)		1,261		248,101

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 49,000; for the year 2,290,000; last year to date 1,715,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 15-Dec-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>					
HEAD	2,062	2,687	49	11	4,809
AVG WT	16.56	35.94	25.16	28.52	27.50
LAST WEEK	2,086	2,790	53	6	4,935
SAME WK YR AGO	2,124	2,798	66	26	5,014
AVG WT	14.91	34.33	25.88	28.28	25.96
TO-DATE/2001	101,397	138,157	2,290	570	242,414
TO-DATE/2000	245,125(A)		1,715	1,261	248,101

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 DECEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was at least steady on 2-joint wings, steady on drums, and barely steady on the balance of items. Hen bulk parts trade sentiment ranged from steady to instances weak with hen 2-joint wings in the softest position. Domestic demand and trading was seasonally light. Offerings were in a full range, mostly adequate to ample with tom 2-joint wings held with the most confidence. Trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts was barely steady to instances weak. Demand and trading light on 4-8 lb. breasts for January shipments. Domestic bulk meat trading was slow. Some spot weakness was noted on fresh tom breast meat, while others attempt to move fresh tom breast meat at steady to barely price levels. Offerings available. Export demand was slow to fair, best for Mexico for prompt shipments and for Russia for January, 2002 deliveries. Trading light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.00		96.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	27.00-28.00		27.50	30
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	33.00		33.00	45
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	31.00		31.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.87	46
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	43.00		43.00	20
NECKS, TOM	30.50-31.50		31.00	107
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	135.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	144.00		144.00	15
THIGH MEAT	82.00		82.00	5
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	80.00		80.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	112.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	119.00	40
TENDERLOINS	130.00		130.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	120.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	125.00		125.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	81.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	15.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	32.63	186
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.50	52
TAILS	25.00		25.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-16.00		15.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-83.00		82.11	350

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 DECEMBER 2001.

The market was slowing on most items in response to the upcoming holidays. Domestic trading was light and centered on fresh tom breast meat. Offerings of bulk parts were mixed, mostly adequate to ample. Some spot availability was noted on tom 2-joint wings in the West, light in the balance of the country. Bulk meat offerings ranged from light at best on frozen thigh meat and frozen mechanically separated turkey for prompt shipments to instances burdensome on fresh tom breast meat. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts were adequate to ample. Export trading centered on a fair volume of tails, balance light. Trading was noted on frozen thigh meat for January, 2002 at lower trending prices.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	96.00	200	96.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	11	91.00	31
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	28.00	40	28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	27.50	30	27.50	30
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	27.00	40	27.00	65
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	33.00	45	34.00	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	31.00	20	31.75	32
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	40	30.47	86
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	43.00	20	43.00	20
NECKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	40	30.91	183
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	135.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	130.00-146.00		141.60	200	141.59	415
THIGH MEAT		R	82.00	5	82.00	5
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	80.00	20	80.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	112.00	80	112.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	113.00		113.00	8	113.00	8
TENDERLOINS		R	130.00	12	130.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	120.00		120.00	40	120.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	125.00	20	123.40	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	81.00		81.00	5	81.00	5
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	40	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.50	40	14.38	556
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	40	28.05	1,032
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	32.63	186		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	52	28.00	52
TAILS	27.00-28.00		27.65	400	26.74	608
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00-15.50		13.91	328	14.82	848
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00-83.00		81.56	146	81.96	536

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